

Parish of Effingham and Fetcham
Our Lady of Sorrows and Church of the Holy Spirit

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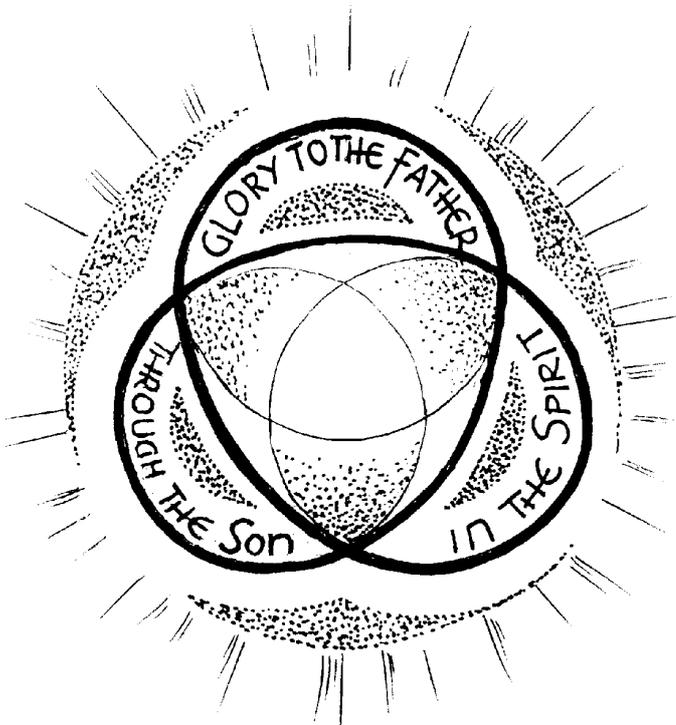
Live-stream on YouTube "Effingham and Fetcham Catholic Parish":

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>

A Very Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

Trinity Sunday

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year II 7 June 2020



With joy and gratitude we celebrate today the solemnity of the Blessed Trinity. When we think of the mystery we honour today, the question is not so much: who is God, but as Scripture itself puts it: who is God for us? And the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, answers in a variety of ways: God is a mystery of love. God loves us. So, on today's feast of the Blessed Trinity what can we really say about God? If we try to define God, to say who God really is, we may not get our words and thoughts right. We may resort to images. We begin to understand God much more easily if we reflect on what he has done for each of us and for all God's people. And then we discover that, above all, God has loved us and keeps loving us as a forgiving, merciful God; as a Father who cares and is tender as a mother. As Jesus, the Son who became one of us and made us free at the cost of his life. Finally, as a

Spirit of love and unity and strength who keeps guiding us, inspiring us and who prays with us.

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All praise to you through Jesus.

May God bless you all,

Deacon Ian

Prayers Please

Please pray for **Maureen Murphy** and **Christopher Browne**, who are sick at this time, and for **Bridget Sadler** who died on Wednesday.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to request prayers for anyone to be included in the bidding prayers at our live-streamed Masses and in the parish newsletter, please let us know via phone or the parish email address. Praying for one another and for the whole world is such a precious and important thing for us all to be doing just now.

Corpus Christi – Adoration

The feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Christ (*Corpus Christi*) is next **Sunday 14 June**. On this day we praise the Lord especially for His amazing gift of the Blessed Eucharist.

In honour of this feast we will have live-streamed **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** for an hour before Mass, starting at 9.30 am and ending with Benediction starting at 10.15. (There will then be a few quiet minutes to get ready for Mass.)

If you can, do take part for some or all of the hour. Thank the Lord for His wonderful gift; thank Him for all the times you have received Holy Communion in the past; rest in His Eucharistic presence; and share with Him your deep yearning to receive Him again sacramentally very soon.

Parish Zoom Chat

The parish zoom chat last week was another great success. We enjoyed a real sense of community, seeing and catching up with one another. So we are planning to have another one next **Sunday 14 June** at **12 noon** after Mass. If you would like to be part of it, please contact Fr Stephen at eandfparish@btinternet.com.

Keeping in Touch

Do please **encourage** anyone you may be talking with, to join our live-streamed Masses on Sundays (and weekdays). It's a simple and important way we can support each other, and also reach out to those who may be thinking of coming back to their faith at this time.

Who is missing out on our communications?

Do you know of any people, especially those who do not use the internet, who might be being forgotten? Maybe you could phone them, and see how they are, and keep them connected to this community.

Need Support? Do you need help or support at this time? If you need any sort of practical help, or would just like a chat with someone, please do call 01372 458263 or email eandfparish@btinternet.com.

Parish Circulation Email: If you would like to start receiving emails from the Parish keeping you in touch, including receiving the weekly parish newsletter, please contact Michael Bray michaelpbray@btinternet.com or the Parish office eandfparish@btinternet.com. The list is only used for Parish and Diocese information and is sent BCC so individual email addresses are not visible.

Masses and Other Services

Live-streaming of Mass from our parish is available at our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLGeHumF6yae4QGCSVg0UA>. Alternatively, search for "YouTube Effingham Fetcham" and you should find it easily.

You can continue to request **Mass Intentions** via the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is possible on request.

Other Sacraments can only be celebrated in emergency. Do please contact Fr Stephen in the normal way in emergency situations.

General

Gift Aid Letters. Many of you will be expecting to receive Gift Aid letters around now. They should be coming soon, but please be patient for a little while longer, as things have got a bit delayed due to the coronavirus situation. Many thanks.

The Meeting Room is a local charity which runs daytime drop-in centres for homeless, socially isolated and vulnerable people. Normally they offer a hot meal, advice, signposting and friendship. You are probably aware that they generally meet in St Alphege Hall on Fridays. In the current pandemic they are, of course, unable to meet like that, but are still providing food and support to many in our local community.

In order to help them in this work, we are donating £5000 to them from our parish "Samaritan Fund" held specifically for such situations.

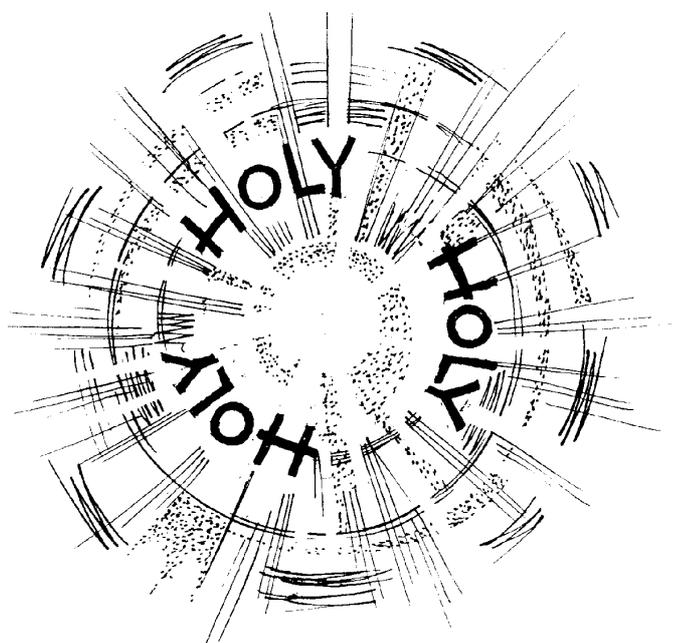
L'Arche Live-In Assistants. L'Arche is an organisation which provides community members with learning disabilities and those supporting them a unique experience of a home, friendship, community and care. They do this through the work of care assistants, live-in assistants and volunteers, and are keen to recruit new workers. If you are interested, please see their website www.larche.org.uk.

CAFOD Coronavirus Emergency Appeal. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at <https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal>.

Foodbank Collection Points for Cobham foodbank are the Bakery in Effingham and Tinkers End, Orestan Lane.

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:

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| Marie Bliss | Janet Morgan |
| Michael Boulvard | Jim Morgan |
| Pauline Boulvard | Ann Peck |
| Christopher Browne | Maureen Rennison |
| Jeff Care | Patrick Rennison |
| Amy Chapman | Piers Ripley-Duggan |
| Maggi Cooke | Jean Rowlandson |
| Marian Cross | Yolande Sharpe |
| Maureen Donoghue | Karen Silver |
| John Donovan | Mary Skilton |
| Mary Doran | Jenny Smith |
| Mary Hefford | Pat Turton |
| Ros Kennedy | Simon Turton |
| Derek Knott | Andrea Vaughan |
| Tessa Knott | Rose Wedlake |
| Noreen Landers | Alf Wiggins |
| Joanna Mills | |



Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

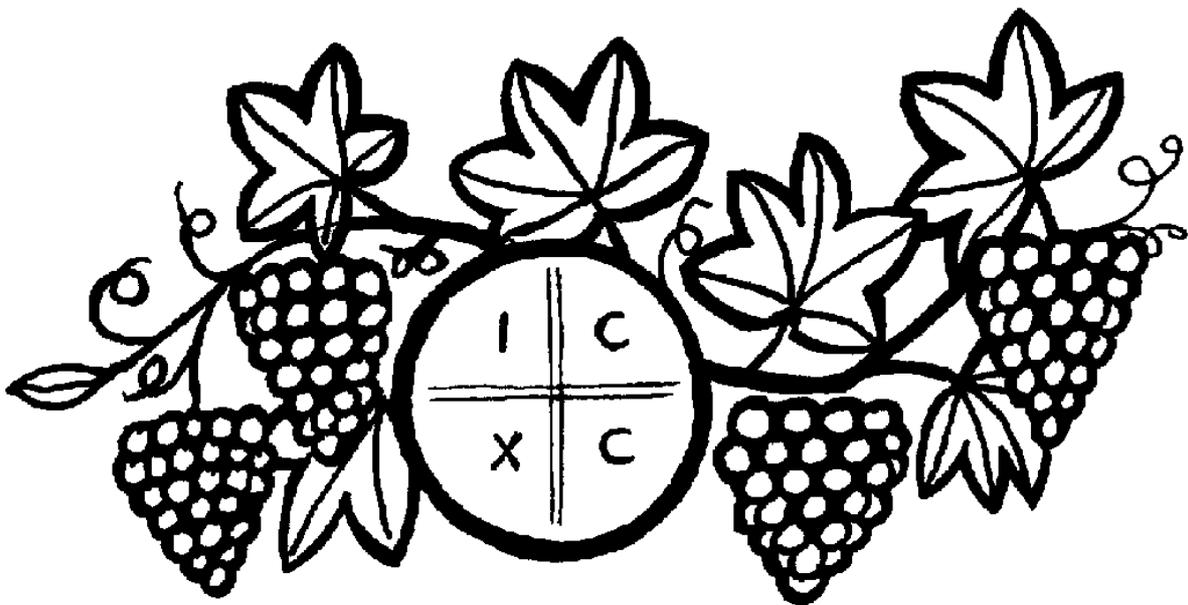
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| Saturday | 6 June | 10.00 am | Teresa Aboud RIP |
| Sunday | 7 June | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 8 June | 9.15 am | Fr Douglas Perkins RIP |
| Tuesday | 9 June | 9.15 am | Roy Wood RIP (20 th anniversary) |
| Wednesday | 10 June | 9.15 am | Maureen Findlay-Wilson RIP |
| Thursday | 11 June | 9.15 am | Fr Bede Hill OSB RIP |
| Friday | 12 June | 6.00 pm | Maureen Gamber RIP |
| Saturday | 13 June | 10.00 am | Margaret Smith RIP |
| Sunday | 14 June | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |

Owing to the coronavirus, all Masses currently have to be celebrated without a congregation.

Confessions are available on request. Please contact Fr Stephen if you would like this.

Next Sunday: Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 — Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 R.v12 — 1 Cor 10:16-17 — John 6:51-58



Please get Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday